

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 158 HD2
A BILL RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
February 21, 2013

Good morning Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and members of the Committee on Finance.

I'm Major General Darryll D.M. Wong, Adjutant General, State of Hawaii. I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 158 HD2.

This measure identifies eligibility and appropriates funds to defray the cost for National Guard members to attend the University of Hawaii.

The opportunity provided by the tuition assistance aids those Guard members who are not eligible for programs like the post 9-11 Montgomery GI Bill and tuition assistance offered to Active Component military members.

In addition, tuition assistance provides the opportunity to further educate and open doors to realize goals like credentialing, commissioning to officer ranks, and flight training to our Hawaii National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, facilitating the opportunity to broaden their academic horizons and become more effective and contributory members of our society.

Further, as an added economic benefit, since funds are only eligible for use at University of Hawaii schools, the funds stay in Hawaii and further benefit our great state.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's National Guard members in support of HB 158 HD2.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 158, HD2 (HSCR293) RELATING
TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
DIRECTOR OF STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

February 21, 2013

Good afternoon Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto & Johanson and Committee members:

I am Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the intent of House Bill 158, HD2 (HSCR293).

This measure would have the State Adjutant General assist eligible National Guard students in the University of Hawaii system working towards an associate or undergraduate degree. The funding would be from the availability of the special funds program and would be beneficial for the student to help reach a higher level job and to better provide for their family.

We defer to the agency with direct responsibility for implementation of the special funds regulations.

The OVS supports the concepts and intent expressed in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Years 2013-2015.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's Veterans and their families in support of HB 158, HD2, (HSCR293).



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Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying on behalf of the University of Hawai'i and its 10 campuses.

HB 158 HD2 broadens the scope of the tuition assistance program. It allows all University of Hawai'i students who are Hawai'i National Guard members to apply for tuition assistance from the Hawai'i National Guard tuition assistance program. In addition, the bill appropriates money to fund the tuition program.

The University appreciates the outstanding service that the Hawai'i National Guard has provided to our state & country. The University is supportive of supporting our service members to improve themselves and their community.

Thank you for your support of the University and the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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